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GOP's Broomfield

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Democrats have uncovered a real secret agent in Oakland County.

Their candidate for Congress, Col. James Kellis, USAF (ret.), is a sure enough American master spy. He retired from the business only last May.

Small boys might like to attend Democratic rallies in the 18th District this month because the chance to see and hear a professional secret sneaker does not come often.

The incumbent, William S. Broomfield, reports a lot of Republican enthusiasm, however.

BROOMFIELD backed 80 per cent of the Eisenhower program in this last Congress. He broke away from the GOP party line to support Federal grants for local projects.

These included a water pollution bill which would

have helped Oakland County build the "12-town drain" it plans.

Broomfield supported Federal aid for school construction, and wrote the bill for Federal guaranty of local bond issues which the National Municipal League now endorses.

"Also, I'm one of the 56 Congressmen on Jimmy Hoffa's purge list," Broomfield says.

Broomfield is an old hand at Oakland campaigning. He says he can't remember so many requests for speeches, appearances, etc.

"I'm booked for 450 'coffee hours,'" he says. "Imagine! 450!"

OAKLAND COUNTY never has elected a Democrat to Congress, but it never has had a Democratic candidate like Col. Kellis.

Kellis is the son of a Greek physician who practiced in Alexandria, Egypt. Orphaned at 17, the boy came to an uncle in Yorkville, O.

He was an Air Force star when World War II started.

The Air Force sent him to the Office of Strategic Serv-



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ices where he became a hero of "Operation Chicago" in 1943-44.

This was an underground movement which liberated Northern Greece from German rule and at the same time kept it out of Communist hands. Greece is part of the Free World today because of Operation Chicago.

In 1944-45 Kellis operated in China behind Communist lines.

AFTER THE war the OSS evolved into the Central Intelligence Agency and Kellis

stayed on loan from the Air Force. He dispatched intelligence agents into Russia during the Korean police action.

Later in Washington he rose to be acting chief of secret operations before turning critic of the CIA in 1954.

"I think the CIA has gone soft," Kellis says. "One reason is that they've dulled the present situation isn't a good administrator."

"I'd like to see someone as good as J. Edgar Hoover take over, tighten discipline, toughen training and install a hard-headed evaluation of spy information."

THE AIR FORCE sent Kellis to the University of Detroit in 1956. On May 24, 1960, the day he became free of military rule, Kellis began running for Congress.

His 7-day primary campaign was a hit. At first "nobody" knew him, then some OSS companions rallied, and finally the AFL-CIO County Council endorsed him.

Oakland County voted 67 per cent Democratic in 1958.

If Kennedy runs against Nixon in November, Kellis could win too.